

# Title 18-A: PROBATE CODE

## Article 4: Foreign Personal Representative; Ancillary

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**Part 1: DEFINITIONS**

**§4-101. DEFINITIONS**

(1). "Local administration" means administration by a personal representative appointed in this State pursuant to appointment proceedings described in Article III.

[ 1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW) . ]

(2). "Local personal representative" includes any personal representative appointed in this State pursuant to appointment proceedings described in Article III and excludes foreign personal representatives who acquire the power of a local personal representative pursuant to section 4-205.

[ 1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW) . ]

(3). "Resident creditor" means a person domiciled in, or doing business in this State, who is, or could be, a claimant against an estate of a non-resident decedent.

[ 1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

**Part 2: POWERS OF FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

**§4-201. PAYMENT OF DEBT AND DELIVERY OF PROPERTY TO  
DOMICILIARY FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE WITHOUT LOCAL  
ADMINISTRATION**

At any time after the expiration of 60 days from the death of a nonresident decedent, any person indebted to the estate of the nonresident decedent or having possession or control of personal property, or of an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock or chose in action belonging to the estate of the nonresident decedent may pay the debt, deliver the personal property, or the instrument evidencing the debt, obligation, stock or chose in action, to the domiciliary foreign personal representative of the nonresident decedent upon being presented with proof of his appointment and an affidavit made by or on behalf of the representative stating: [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).]

(1). The date of the death of the nonresident decedent,

[ 1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW) . ]

(2). That no local administration, or application or petition therefor, is pending in this State,

[ 1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW) . ]

- (3). That the domiciliary foreign personal representative is entitled to payment or delivery.

[ 1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

## **§4-202. PAYMENT OR DELIVERY DISCHARGES**

Payment or delivery made in good faith on the basis of the proof of authority and affidavit releases the debtor or person having possession of the personal property to the same extent as if payment or delivery had been made to a local personal representative. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

## **§4-203. RESIDENT CREDITOR NOTICE**

Payment or delivery under section 4-201 may not be made if a resident creditor of the nonresident decedent has notified the debtor of the nonresident decedent or the person having possession of the personal property belonging to the nonresident decedent that the debt should not be paid nor the property delivered to the domiciliary foreign personal representative. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

## **§4-204. PROOF OF AUTHORITY; BOND**

If no local administration or application or petition therefor is pending in this State, a domiciliary foreign personal representative may file with a court in this State in a county in which property belonging to the decedent is located, authenticated copies of his appointment, of any official bond he has given and a certificate, dated within 60 days, proving his current authority. [1987, c. 392, §5 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW). 1987, c. 392, §5 (AMD).

## **§4-205. POWERS**

A domiciliary foreign personal representative who has complied with section 4-204 may exercise as to assets in this State all powers of a local personal representative and may maintain actions and proceedings in this State subject to any conditions imposed upon nonresident parties generally. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

## **§4-206. POWER OF REPRESENTATIVES IN TRANSITION**

The power of a domiciliary foreign personal representative under section 4-201 or 4-205 shall be exercised only if there is no administration or application therefor pending in this State. An application or petition for local administration of the estate terminates the power of the foreign personal representative to act under section 4-205, but the local court may allow the foreign personal representative to exercise limited powers to preserve the estate. No person who, before receiving actual notice of a pending local administration, has changed his position in reliance upon the powers of a foreign personal representative shall be prejudiced by reason of the application or petition for, or grant of, local administration. The local

personal representative is subject to all duties and obligations which have accrued by virtue of the exercise of the powers by the foreign personal representative and may be substituted for him in any action or proceedings in this State. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

## **§4-207. ANCILLARY AND OTHER LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS; PROVISIONS GOVERNING**

In respect to a nonresident decedent, the provisions of Article III of this Code govern (1) proceedings, if any, in a court of this State for probate of the will, appointment, removal, supervision, and discharge of the local personal representative, and any other order concerning the estate; and (2) the status, powers, duties and liabilities of any local personal representative and the rights of claimants, purchasers, distributees and others in regard to a local administration. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

## **Part 3: JURISDICTION OVER FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES**

### **§4-301. JURISDICTION BY ACT OF FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

A foreign personal representative submits personally to the jurisdiction of the courts of this State in any proceeding relating to the estate by (1) filing authenticated copies of his appointment as provided in section 4-204, (2) receiving payment of money or taking delivery of personal property under section 4-201, or (3) doing any act as a personal representative in this State which would have given the State jurisdiction over him as an individual. Jurisdiction under (2) is limited to the money or value of personal property collected. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

### **§4-302. JURISDICTION BY ACT OF DECEDENT**

In addition to jurisdiction conferred by section 4-301, a foreign personal representative is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this State to the same extent that his decedent was subject to jurisdiction immediately prior to death. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

### **§4-303. SERVICE ON FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Service of process may be made upon the foreign personal representative in such manner as the Supreme Judicial Court shall by rule provide. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

## **Part 4: JUDGMENTS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

## **§4-401. EFFECT OF ADJUDICATION FOR OR AGAINST PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

An adjudication rendered in any jurisdiction in favor of or against any personal representative of the estate is as binding on the local personal representative as if he were a party to the adjudication. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).]

### SECTION HISTORY

1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).

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